CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS IWC.CCG.203

Amendments to the Schedule International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946

At the 53rd Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission held in London, UK, 23-27 July 2001 no modifications were made to the provision for zero catch limits for commercial whaling with effect from the 1986 coastal and the 1985/86 pelagic seasons. The following amendments to the Schedule of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling are therefore necessary (changes in **bold** type):

Paragraphs 11 and 12, and Tables 1, 2 and 3:

Substitute the dates 2001/2002 pelagic season, 2002 coastal season, 2002 season, or 2002 as appropriate.

In accordance with Article V of the Convention, these amendments become effective with respect to each Contracting Government ninety days following the date of this letter, unless any Contracting Government lodges an objection, in which case the procedure under Article V, paragraph 3 of the Convention will be followed.

The ninety days period will expire on 21 November 2001. In the absence of objections by that date the amendments will become effective. Contracting Governments will be notified accordingly.

Contracting Governments are reminded that Article V paragraph 3 of the Convention requires them to acknowledge receipt of this notification of amendments. In order to encourage compliance with this requirement, a form of acknowledgement is attached, to be completed and returned by post, fax or-email as is most convenient.

Dr. Nicky Grandy Secretary to the Commission

Non-member Government Observers (for information)

cc:

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE REGULATION OF WHALING, 1946

AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEDULE

I acknowledge receipt of notification of the amendments to the Schedule to the
International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946 adopted at the 53rd
Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission, as set out in the Circular
Communication dated 23 August 2001 (refs: NJG/JAC/29053; IWC.CCG.203).

Signed (or name and position if e-mailed)	
Contracting Government	